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SUBJECT: EU WILL RAISE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY IN LONDON

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Classified By: POLITICAL COUNSELOR KYLE SCOTT. REASON: 1.4(B)(D)

(C) Mission raised reftel points with officials in EU MEPP Special Envoy Marc Otte's office February 15. The EU will press Arab donors to support the PA at Thursday's preparatory meeting for the March 1 Donors' Conference in London. EU officials noted that both the UAE and Kuwait would be at the Thursday meeting; it is likely that PA Finance Minister Fayyad will also attend. Algeria has asked to be invited to the London conference, but the UK has resisted, according to Otte's staff, making an approach to Algeria "awkward."

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